



ACES High

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Below-the-zone selectee and on track for future success, Senior Airman Elisa O. Grimes is definitely an ACE. A native of Fort Worth, Texas, and graduate of Brewer High School, Airman Grimes entered active duty in October 1996. Basic training and graduation from Financial Management and Service Apprentice School took her to Cajun country where she joined the Comptroller Team of the 2d Bomb Wing, Barksdale AFB, Louisiana, working as a military pay technician. Barksdale is known for its extremely high OPTEMPO, and it is felt in the 2d Comptroller Squadron, but has posed no problem for Airman Grimes. She eagerly started her training and aggressively tackled her first responsibilities of processing the high volume of travel vouchers (over 1,600 monthly) with over a 98% accuracy rate. On top of that, she handled over 6,000 pay-affecting documents monthly, maintaining a phenomenal 98.5% accuracy rate against the Air Force goal of 95%. During this same time period, as the front line for our customers, Airman Grimes received rave reviews for top service, impeccable appearance, and outstanding attitude—time and time again!

In September 1998, because of her meticulous accounting skills, she was selected as primary cashier where she disbursed, collected, and accounted for all cash and negotiable instruments. She kept clean, razor-sharp reports, and uploaded over \$1 million per month in EFT transactions with 100% accuracy! To broaden her knowledge, she did double time helping her unit in other sections during manning and experience crunches. Elisa's spirit of excellence doesn't stop with the primary job; she's also excelled in her Career Development Course by achieving over a 95% average and hitting a perfect 100% in travel computations.

Airman Grimes is currently assigned to the special actions section. In her new duties, she is responsible for computing approximately 40 PCS vouchers per week, briefing incoming members, and providing one-on-one service for senior commanders and members needing extra assistance. She won her below-the-zone selection to Senior Airman over 33 other wing nominees! Her performance and professionalism earned her recognition as two-time recipient of the squadron Look Sharp award, Airman of the Quarter, and the commander's Above the Flock award. This comptroller star makes other people take notice—the 8th Air Force Commander singled her out as one of Barksdale AFB's best and presented a commemorative medal in front of the local community as an outstanding representative of the Air Force during Celebrate Barksdale, a major base activity with our civilian supporters.

Airman Grimes is working toward a Community College of the Air Force degree in Financial Management. She's active in the unit's advisory council. SrA Grimes is a community-minded military professional who willingly volunteers her time. She's committed herself to the area's youth with Santas in Blue and she's spent time at an elementary school reading to the kids. She's rolled up her sleeves for self-help projects to repaint the hallways of the unit. This concerned member has also helped the local community by participating in Paint Your Heart Out Shreveport, a project to spruce up the homes of those in need. Her off-duty time is spent working a part-time job and volunteering in the local community. Providing a tremendous balance between community service, 2nd BW mission accomplishment, and other off-duty activities, Airman Grimes has excelled in every area in her short career. This enthusiastic and talented airman is tops in financial management, tops in the Air Force, and truly stands ACES HIGH!